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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 35-37, 45 and 48-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 35-37, 45 and 48-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 35-37, 45, and 48-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lincoln (U.S. Patent No. 5,324,750) in view of Ng (U.S. Patent No. 6,017,458) and either Armstrong (Anal. Chem. 1990, 62, 1610-1615) or Hargitai (Journal of Chromatography, 628 (1993), pages 11-22). At best, the claims differ from Lincoln (U.S. Patent No. 5,324,750) in the clarity of reciting a saccharide that is fully functionalized and a moiety that is able to bind to a support. Armstrong (Anal. Chem. 1990, 62, 1610-1615) (page 1610, column 2, line 15-page 1611, column 1, line 8 and the paragraph under "Results and Discussion" on page 1611, column 2) discloses it is desirable to maximize the functionalization of cyclodextrin because that increases its ability to resolve enantiomers under normal phase conditions. Hargitai (Journal of Chromatography, 628 (1993), pages 11-22) (Abstract and page 22, lines 6-11) discloses that maximizing functionalization was the most important factor for enantioselectivity. Ng (U.S. Patent No. 6,017,458) (column 2, lines 10-19; column 2, line 60-column 3, line 6; and column 3, lines 41-51) discloses forming a silane derivative results in a product that is universally applicable to HPLC, LC, TLC, and CLE and permits immobilization on a support material surface. It would have been obvious to fully functionalize the cyclodextrin in Lincoln (U.S. Patent No. 5,324,750) either because Armstrong (Anal. Chem. 1990, 62, 1610-1615) (page 1610, column 2, line 15-page

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1611, column 1, line 8 and the paragraph under "Results and Discussion" on page 1611, column 2) discloses it is desirable to maximize the functionalization of cyclodextrin because that increases its ability to resolve enantiomers under normal phase conditions or because Hargitai (Journal of Chromatography, 628 (1993), pages 11-22) (Abstract and page 22, lines 6-11) discloses that maximizing functionalization was the most important factor for enantioselectivity. It would have been obvious to form a silane derivative for binding in Lincoln (U.S. Patent No. 5,324,750) because Ng (U.S. Patent No. 6,017,458) (column 2, lines 10-19; column 2, line 60-column 3, line 6; and column 3, lines 41-51) discloses forming a silane derivative results in a product that is universally applicable to HPLC, LC, TLC, and CLE and permits immobilization on a support material surface.

The remarks have been considered but are not deemed pertinent in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to E. Therkorn at telephone number (571) 272-1149. The official fax number is (703) 872-9306.

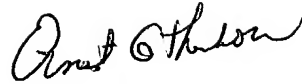
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